

## **Committee of University Chairs (CUC) Code of Governance**

The code stipulates a university must have:

### **Accountability**

The Board of Governors is responsible and accountable for our University's activities, approving all major final decisions within its remit. For example, formal approval of Our Future and signing off the Financial Statements or the ID Manchester partner.

### **Sustainability**

Working with the Executive, the Board sets the mission, strategic direction, overall aims and values of our university. To ensure sustainability, the Board seeks and receives assurance that delivery of the strategic plan is in line with legislative and regulatory requirements, university values, policies and procedures, and that effective systems of control and risk management are in place.

### **Reputation**

The Board safeguards and promotes our university's reputation and autonomy by operating in accordance with the values that underpin this Code, its various elements and the principles of public life.

### **Equality, inclusivity and diversity**

The Board promotes a positive culture which supports ethical behaviour, equality, inclusivity and diversity across our university, including in the BoG itself. This includes ensuring under-representation and differences in outcomes are challenged and, where practicable, action is taken to ensure fair outcomes for all.

### **Effectiveness**

The Board ensures that university structures and processes are robust, effective and agile by scrutinising our performance against this Code, and any other relevant Codes, and recognised standards of good practice.

### **Engagement**

The Board understands our University's global, national and local stakeholders and are assured that we engage with them so that their views are considered and reflected in relevant decision-making processes.